IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

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    G. Bendak et al.   )   Group No.:   Unknown

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For: System and Method for Programming the Bit Error Rate of Frame Synchronization Words in a Multidimensional Digital Frame Structure

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

<u>**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**</u>

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>

On page 1, line 10, please delete the first instance of "_____" and replace it with --09/746,490--.

On page 1, line 10, please delete the second instance of "_____" and replace it with --22 December 2000--.

On page 1, line 14, please delete the first instance of "_____" and replace it with --09/745,655--.

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